

was forwarded by the applicant's advocate with his letter dated 11.11.1999. The correct nomenclature of the post is Extra Departmental Delivery Agent (EDDA) and name of the place where the office is located is Andhra.

Shri Ram Kripal Chaudhary was appointed as EDDA, Andhra SO on 10.2.1991. On receipt of several complaints his appointment was reviewed and found to be irregular. Consequently, the appointment of Shri Ram Kripal Chaudhary was cancelled and Shri Suresh Prasad was appointed as EDDA on 18.12.1995 after observing due formalities. Shri Ram Kripal Chaudhary filed the application before the CAT, Patna in 1994 and the CAT order was received by the Department on 11.11.1999. In the meantime Shri Suresh Prasad, EDDA, Andhra SO also filed a Writ Application in the Patna High Court against the CAT judgement of 4.10.1999 in OA No. 528/94. The Department has also filed a review petition against the CAT judgement in O.A. No. 528/94 as per advice of Senior Standing Counsel.

Appointment of New Chairman-Cum-managing Director of MTNL

183. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tenure of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of MTNL had expired on 30.06.2000;

(b) whether a new CMD for MTNL was in place on 01.07.2000;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) How will the failure of the Government to have a new CMD in place on the appointed date impact the commercial functioning of the organisation in a competitive environment particularly in terms of the prices of the MTNL shares in the Stock Exchanges;

(e) whether such a failure by the Government not acting to the advantage of the private companies which are competitors to MTNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Acting CMD was in place on 30.06.2000(A/N).

(c) to (e) In view of (b) above, question does not arise.